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SUBJECT: HOSTILITIES IN QUANG DUC

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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED AMCONSUL NHA TRANG 6 NOV 73
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1. ACCORDING TO MR 2 TACTICAL BRIEFING THIS MORNING, RVNAF
UNITS WHICH WERE IN THE BU PRANG AREA AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK
NOV 4 (THE 246TH AND 247TH RF BATTALIONS FROM KHANH HOA AND
THE 29 TH AND 271ST RF BATTALIONS FROM QUANG DUC) HAVE BEEN TOO
BADLY BATTERED AND PINNED DOWN BY THE COMMUNISTS TO BE ABLE TO
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RETAKE BU PRANG CAMP. CONSEQUENTLY, THE 53RD REGT HQS, ITS

FIRST AND SECOND BATTALIONS, THE 53RD RECON CO, AND SIX 105MM HOWITZERS WERE AIR-LIFTED FROM PLEIKU TO GIA NHIA YESTERDAY MORNING, AND HAVE DEPLOYED TO KIEN DUC DISTRICT TOWN.

2. PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE IN QUANG DUC REPORTS THAT RVNAF OUTPOST AT DAK SONG (YU 801.630) IS CURRENTLY UNDER ATTACK. HE HAS RECEIVED AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT A BRIDGE THERE HAS BEEN DESTROYED. SIZE AND IDENTITY OF DEFENDING AND ATTACKING FORCES UNKNOWN. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.

3. SHOULD THE COMMUNISTS OCCUPY THIS SITE, QL 14 AND PROVINCIAL 8B WOULD BE CUT AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE AND QUANG DUC'S SOLE REMAINING LAND LINK WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD WOULD BE SEVERED. FURTHER SOUTH, ROUTE 8B WAS REPORTED CUT YESTERDAY AT YU 85.51. CLOSING THESE ROUTES WOULD INHIBIT RVNAF LAND REINFORCEMENT OF THE BU PRANG AREA.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE MISSION'S LATEST ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNIST RESOURCES IN THE BU PRANG AREA, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH WOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM CAMBODIA.

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